

House Resolution No. 565

Whereas, from time to time the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are called upon to acknowledge the professional achievements of an outstanding Missouri educator; and

Whereas, Thomas Hipp of Kansas City, Missouri, will be honored for achieving National Board Certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards during a recognition ceremony to be held on February 16, 2005, at the Governor's Mansion in the Capital City; and

Whereas, to achieve National Board Certification, Thomas Hipp volunteered to participate in a lengthy and rigorous assessment which can take up to three years to complete; and

Whereas, to attain National Board Certification, Thomas Hipp presented evidence of his teaching effectiveness, including classroom video segments and analysis of teacher decisions and student work; examples of teaching practices which result in an accompanying increase in student learning; models of meaningful interaction with parents to impact student learning; documents supporting such appropriate teaching strategies as large and small group learning, use of effective questioning techniques, choice of materials that engage students, checking for understanding throughout the lesson and making adjustments, and properly evaluating student work for understanding to determine what and how to reteach; and timed assessments to prove superior levels of content knowledge; and

Whereas, part of the evaluative process which Thomas Hipp underwent to earn National Board Certification included appraisal by a jury of qualified experts in states other than Missouri:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to Thomas Hipp at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction, and in wishing him only the very best of success in all future endeavors; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Thomas Hipp, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative Susan C. Phillips
District No. 32

Representative Jason Brown
District No. 30

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 565, adopted February 16, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker